

Chief, Intelligence Information Staff

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Clearance Status of

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1. The purpose of this memorandum is to request a reconsideration of the CIA security status of

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2. is an employee of the Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture. We understand that has a Top Secret clearance at the Department, although this information has not been confirmed. We further understand that this clearance is accepted by at least some other Government Agencies. Some evidence of this fact is provided by a meeting at the Department of Defense recently attended by of M/AG, at which was also present. This meeting discussed not only highly classified matters, but also matters of extreme sensitivity, in the need-to-know sense. was present at the meeting at the invitation of the Department of Defense and participated as an equal partner in the discussions.

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3. Heretofore, our conversations with have been restricted to the Confidential level at the direction of the CIA Security Office. This restriction has, of course, created difficulties. During the course of the next year, however, these difficulties will be compounded. The Food and Agriculture Branch is now heavily engaged in the preparation of an inter-departmental EIC paper entitled, "Policies, Performance, and Prospects of Soviet Agriculture". Contributions to this project are expected from both the State and Agriculture Departments. It is our understanding that the Agriculture contributions will be prepared by. It is essential, in preparing the larger paper, that we do three things now permitted us by the restriction mentioned above.

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a. Discuss contribution with him at the Secret level on both sides so that we can secure assistance in integrating his contribution into the larger paper.

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b. Secure the benefit of [redacted] wide experience in Soviet agriculture, involving conversations at the secret level on both sides, for the use in other parts of the paper to which the Department of Agriculture is not making a written contribution.

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c. Ask [redacted] to attend meetings of the EIC Subcommittee and/or informal coordinating bodies engaged in the production of the paper.

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4. We feel strongly that the EIC paper cannot be fully satisfactory unless [redacted] participation is enlarged. His participation cannot be enlarged unless [redacted] is permitted to attend meetings at which matters up to and including Secret are discussed and unless we can confer with him at the Secret level. It is therefore requested that [redacted] case be re-examined and that if at all possible we be permitted to deal with him at the Secret level, on matters involving Soviet Agriculture only.

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